

Messiah at a Glance

Distinctions

- Named by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the top five “Best Colleges” for comprehensive bachelor’s colleges in the North.
- Ninety-nine percent of past-year graduates surveyed are employed full time, attending graduate school, or in voluntary service within six months after graduation.
- Ranked ninth in the nation among baccalaureate schools for number of students studying abroad, according to the Open Doors report published by the Institute of International Education.
- Internationally recognized scholarship of School of the Humanities faculty, students and alumni, including a Rhodes Scholar, Marshall Scholar, Truman Scholar, and several Fulbright Fellowships and awards.
- The Center for Public Humanities brings together academic, civic, and cultural communities to engage contemporary issues and promote learning through symposia, lectures, film series, conferences, and partnerships with school districts and literacy outreach programs.
- Students and educators in the Collaboratory for Strategic and Applied Partnerships and Research partner with regional and international organizations to conduct quantitative analysis and technology and business projects that serve disadvantaged communities and care for the earth.
- The School of the Arts features performance and exhibition opportunities for students, extensive connections with arts organizations locally and internationally, and artists/faculty who perform and exhibit internationally, such as jazz artist-in-residence Tim Warfield and ensemble-in-residence Mendelssohn Piano Trio.
- The Harrisburg Institute integrates Messiah’s community involvement in the capital region through an intentional engagement of the city. It includes a student residential facility and the research, consultation, and service work of Messiah programs and centers.
- The Early Learning Center is among 7% of lab schools/child-care centers in Pennsylvania accredited by the National Association of Education of Young Children.
- The Boyer Center, promoting the vision of the late Ernest L. Boyer, Sr., is a research and resource center existing to facilitate renewal in schools and communities by conducting research in critical education issues, providing resources which advocate integrated approaches to teaching and learning, and offering services which connect educational and social institutions.
- The Oakes Museum features Smithsonian-quality collections of North American and African wildlife, seashells, bird eggs, and fossils.

Identity & Mission

Messiah College is a Christian college of the liberal and applied arts and sciences. The College is committed to an embracing evangelical spirit rooted in the Anabaptist, Pietist, and Wesleyan traditions of the Christian Church. Our mission is to educate men and women toward maturity of intellect, character, and Christian faith in preparation for lives of service, leadership, and reconciliation in church and society.

Overview

Messiah College offers a high-quality, private, coed, undergraduate education that effectively integrates intellect, character, and Christian faith for more than 2,854 students in a residential setting.

Campus Locations:

Main Campus—Scenic 485-acre suburban campus located in Grantham, Pa., 12 miles southwest of the state capital, Harrisburg—providing easy access to urban centers such as Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, D.C.

Philadelphia Campus—In 1968, Messiah College launched a satellite campus in inner-city Philadelphia, affiliated with Temple University—the first partnership of its kind between a private Christian college and a state-affiliated university.

President

Kim S. Phipps, Ph.D., began her term as the eighth president of Messiah College in December of 2004.

History

Messiah College was founded in 1909 by the Brethren in Christ Church. In 1972, ownership by the Church was replaced by a covenantal relationship in which legal responsibility for the College was placed with a self-perpetuating Board of Trustees.

Academic Structure

Messiah College’s academic program is structured into five interdisciplinary schools: the School of the Arts; the School of Education and Social Sciences; the School of Health and Natural Sciences; the School of the Humanities; and the School of Mathematics, Engineering, and Business. Each school is led by its own dean who collaborates with faculty, students, and regional partners to create visionary educational communities.

Facilities

Academic Facilities—Boyer Hall, Kline Hall of Science, Frey Hall, Jordan Science Center, The Oakes Museum, The Boyer Center, Climenhaga Fine Arts Center, and Sollenberger Sports Center.

Computer Facilities—Includes 547 computers in various academic and residence hall labs, all of which are connected to a campuswide network. Individual residence hall rooms have been equipped for a campus network/Internet connection for personal computers.

Murray Library—Paper volumes 293,357; current periodicals 1,052; microforms 119,128; audiovisual materials 19,183. The library also houses a computer lab, media center, video production center, and film studio.

Residential Facilities—The College offers eight traditional on-campus residence halls and four apartment-style residences on campus, each well equipped and controlled by a security access system. Community housing for students is also available in Harrisburg.

Larsen Student Union—A new student-centered facility providing learning and leisure space for the Messiah community.

Academic Programs

The College awards both bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees in the majors listed below, in addition to more than 50 minors. Specialized programs include extensive off-campus study, individualized majors, independent study, service-learning, internships, and a flourishing College Honors Program.

Majors

More Than 60 Majors

Accounting; Adventure Education; Art Education; Art History; Arts Management; Athletic Training; Bible; Biochemistry; Biology; Biopsychology; Broadcasting; Business Administration; Business Information Systems; Chemistry; Christian Ministries; Communication; Computer Science; Criminal Justice; E-Marketing; Early Childhood Education; Economics; Elementary Education; Engineering; English; Entrepreneurship; Environmental Science; Environmental Studies; French; German; Health and Physical Education; History; Human Development and Family Science; Human Resource Management; Humanities; International Business; Journalism; Marketing; Mathematics; Music; Music Education; Nursing; Nutrition and Dietetics; Philosophy; Physics; Politics; Psychology; Religion; Social Work; Sociology; Spanish; Spanish Business; Sport and Exercise Science; Studio Art; Theatre

Teacher Certification Programs

Art Education; Biology; Biology and Environmental Education; Chemistry; Early Childhood Education; Elementary Education; Elementary and Special Education; English; English Second Language; Environmental Science; Family and Consumer Sciences Education; French; German; Health and Physical Education; Mathematics; Music Education; Social Studies; Spanish

Preprofessional Programs

Pre-Allied Health; Pre-Dental; Pre-Law; Pre-Medical; Pre-Physical Therapy; Pre-Veterinary

Spiritual Formation

Messiah weaves opportunities for spiritual growth throughout students' college experience—including chapel and worship services, discipleship groups, ministry outreach teams, community service, mission trips, and a variety of other special programs.

Service Learning

The Agapé Center for Service and Learning develops, administers, resources, and coordinates programs of service learning, community service, and mission locally and abroad. Last year, Messiah's student body

volunteered more than 60,000 hours of community service.

Faculty Profile

Messiah College selects its educators for their Christian commitment as well as their proven teaching ability. They are outstanding scholars, authors, and experts in their chosen fields.

Full-Time

Full-Time Faculty	173
Male/Female	112M/61F
Hold Terminal Degree	76%

Part-Time

Part-Time Faculty	111
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Student/Faculty Ratio	14:1
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Student Profile

Enrollment

Undergrad Head Count	2,854
Male/Female Ratio	37%M/63%F

Full-Time Students

Full-Time Students	98%
Living in On-Campus Housing	86%
Out-of-State Students	46%
States Represented	40
Students of Color	7.2%
International Students	2.2%
Foreign Countries Represented	25

First-Year Class Profile

Total applied	2,569
Total accepted	1,945
Total enrolled	736

SAT Scores	Middle 50%	Average
Verbal	520–640	.580
Math	520–640	.579
Composite	1050–1260	.1159

ACT Scores	Middle 50%	Average
Composite	22–28	.25

High School Class Rank

Top 10%	34%
Top 25%	66%
Top 50%	90%

High School GPA

Above 3.0	93%
2.0–2.99	7%
Average GPA	3.71

Retention & Graduation at Messiah

Percent of First-Year Students who:	
returned for 2nd year	84%
graduated within 4 years	68%
graduated within 6 years	73%

Note: Messiah does not track students who transfer from Messiah College and graduate from another institution.

Academic Profile

Enrollment by School

School of the Arts	8.1%
School of Education and Social Sciences	20.0%
School of Health and Natural Sciences	23.3%
School of the Humanities	23.8%
School of Mathematics, Engineering and Business	19.0%
Undeclared (no school)	5.9%

Athletics

- Recognized by *USA Today* for an exceptionally high rate of graduating student-athletes among NCAA Division III institutions—fifth in the country!
- Home of the Messiah College Falcons and home of the NCAA Division III 2000, 2002, 2004, 2005, and 2006 national champion in men's soccer; 2005 national champion in women's soccer; 2000 individual champion in wrestling; 2002 individual champion in men's track and field; 2001 national runner-up in women's basketball; and 2001, 2002, 2005, and 2006 national runner-up in field hockey.
- 20 intercollegiate athletic teams (NCAA Division III): baseball (M), basketball (M/W), cross country (M/W), field hockey (W), golf (M), lacrosse (M/W), soccer (M/W), softball (W), tennis (M/W), indoor track and field (M/W), outdoor track and field (M/W), volleyball (W), wrestling (M)

Financial Aid

Percent Receiving Aid

First-Year Students	99%
All Undergraduates	97%

Average Aid Package

First-Year Students	\$17,832
All Undergraduates	\$17,728

Tuition & Costs

2006–2007 Academic Year

Tuition	\$22,600
Required Fees	\$690
Room & Board	\$7,060
Total	\$30,350
Additional Costs*	\$2,720

*estimates for books, travel, and personal expenses



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